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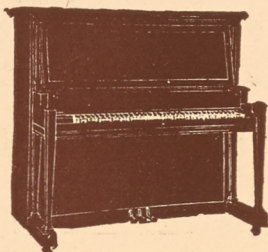
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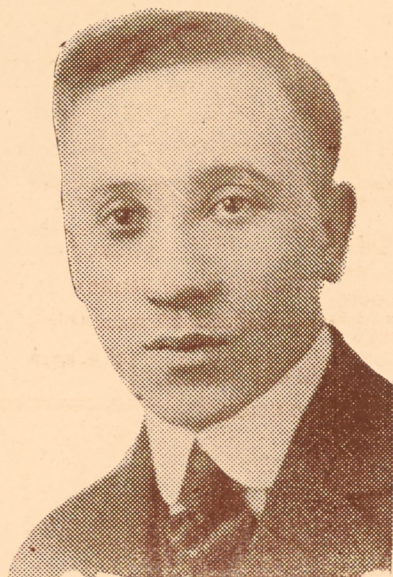
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MADAME BUTTERFLY—Continued

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I. Exterior of Pinkerton's house at Nagasaki.

ACT II and III. The Interior of Cho Cho San's House, at Back
a Garden with Cherries in Bloom.

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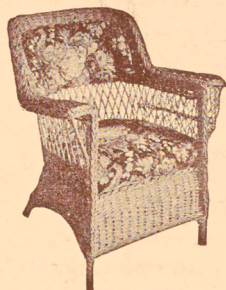
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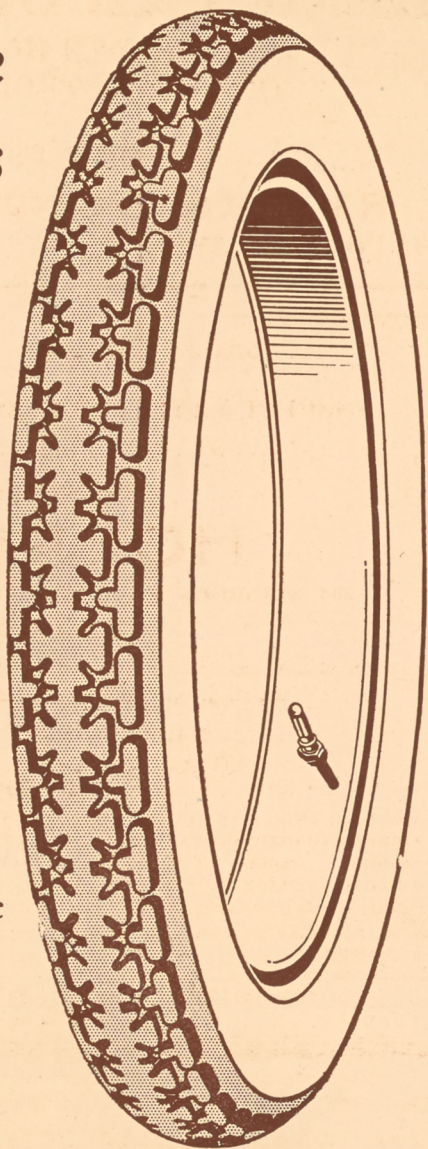
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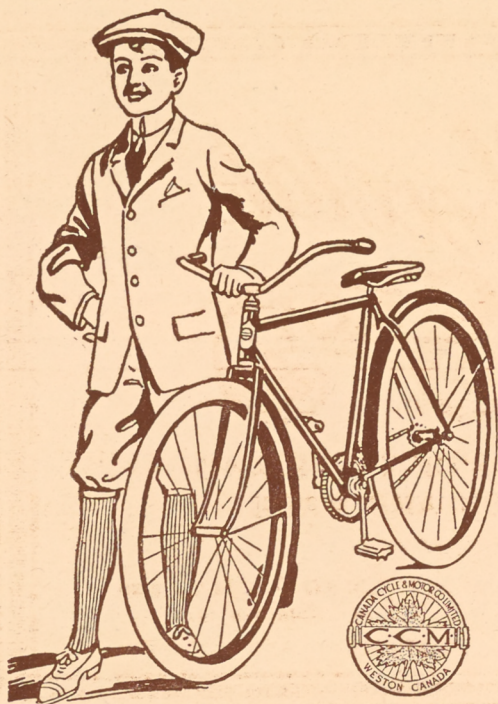
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AIDA—Continued

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

- ACT I. Scene 1—Hall in the Palace of the King at Memphis.
Scene 2—The Temple of Vulcan at Memphis.
ACT II. Scene 1—Hall in the Apartments of Amneris.
Scene 2—Entrance to the City of Thebes.
ACT III. Bank of the Nile.
ACT IV. Scene 1—Hall in King's Palace.
Scene 2—Temple of Vulcan with crypt beneath.

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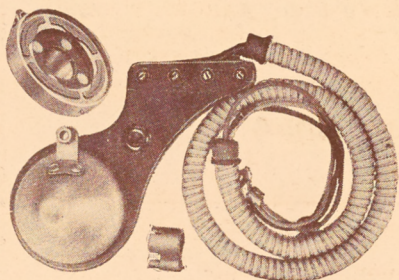
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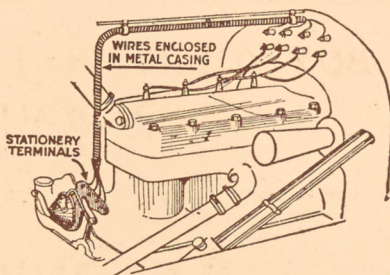
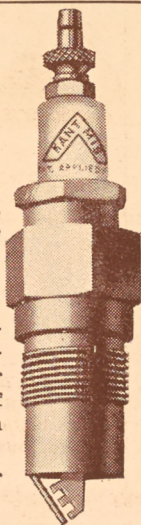
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AIDA—Continued

ARGUMENT

ACT I—Aida, the daughter of Ethiopia's king, is held in servitude by the Egyptians. She loves Radames who loves her. Amneris, daughter of the King of Egypt, is, although it is unrevealed, also in love with Radames. The latter is chosen leader of troops to resist the invading Ethiopians. He is victorious.

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AIDA—Continued

ACT II—Amneris learns that Radames loves Aida, which fact she has suspected. She becomes furious. Among the prisoners of Radames is Amonasro, Aida's father, though his rank is not known to the captors. The King liberates all prisoners, save Amonasro and Aida. He furthermore gives to the unwilling Radames the hand of his daughter in marriage.

ACT III—Radames, whose marriage with Amneris is about to take place, resolves to flee with Aida and Amonasro, but is apprehended by the high priest, Ramfis, and Amneris.

ACT IV—He is tried for treason and condemned to death, notwithstanding the entreaties of Amneris in his behalf. The last scene shows the re-union in death of Aida and the hero.

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Rigoletto (his hunchback jester)	Mario Valle
Gilda (his daughter)	Josephine Lucchese
Sparafucile (an assassin)	Pietro de Biasi
Maddalena (his sister)	Anita Klinova
Monterone	Natale Cervi
Conte di Ceprano	Antonio Canova
Contessa di Ceprano (his wife)	Frances Morosini
Borsa (a courtier)	Joseph Tudisco
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SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I. The Duke's Apartments.

ACT II. Rigoletto's House.

ACT III. Ante-Chamber of the Ducal Palace.

ACT IV. A deserted spot on the shores of Mincio.

ARGUMENT

Gilda, the heroine, is the daughter of Rigoletto, a low-lived pandour in service of the libertine, Duke of Mantua, Count Ceprano and Count Monterone, whose wives have been abducted by Rigoletto and his master, invoke

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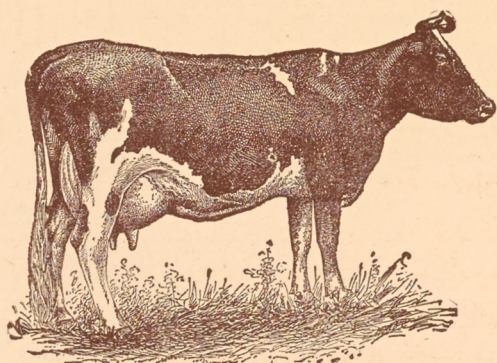
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RIGOLETTO—Continued

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Upon finding out the ruse, Rigoletto hires one Sparafucile to assassinate the duke, and Sparafucile, aided by his sister, Maddalena, induces the duke to go with him to an inn, intending there to make way with him. The duke's fascinating manner, however, inspires Maddalena to save him.

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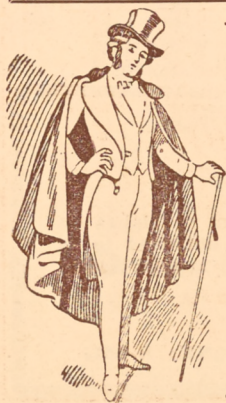


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Marguerite (a village girl)	Sofia Charlebois
Faust (a philosopher)	Giuseppe Agostini
Mephistopheles	Pietro De Biasi
Valentine (Marguerite's brother)	Joseph Royer
Siebel (a student)	Anita Klinova
Wagner	Manuel Perez
Martha	Alice Homer

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Conductor: Ernesto Knoch

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I. Scene 1.—Dr. Faust's Study. Scene 2.—Fair in Nuremberg.

ACT II. Marguerite's Garden.

ACT III. Street in Nuremberg.

ACT IV. Marguerite's Prison.

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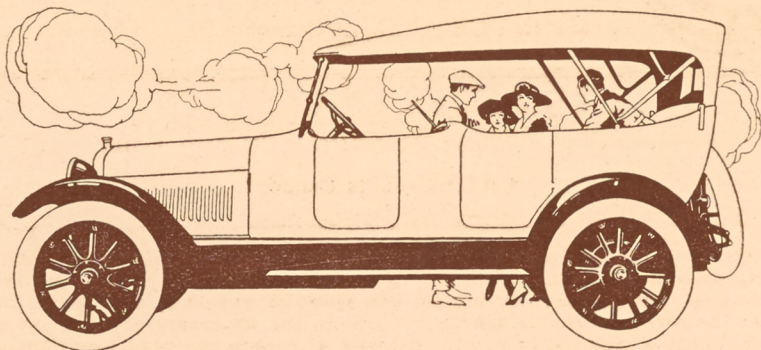
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Opera in Three Acts by Richard Wagner

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Ortrud (Telramund's Wife)	Nina Frascani
Lohengrin	Romeo Boscacci
Frederick of Telramund	Joseph Royer
King Henry I. (King of Germany)	Pietro DeBlasi
A Herald	Nicola D'Amico

Conductor: Ernesto Knoch

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I.—Scene on the Scheld.

ACT II.—The Courtyard and Cathedral.

ACT III.—The Bridal Chamber in the Palace.

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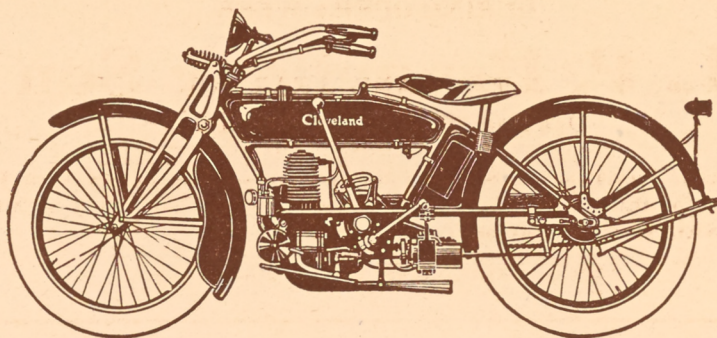
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LOHENGRIN—Continued

ARGUMENT

ACT I—King Henry has arrived at Brabant to assemble the tribes against the invading Hungarians, but finds it in a state of anarchy. Gottfried, the son of the late Duke, has disappeared, and Telramund—who has been acting as regent for Gottfried (he being a minor), incited by his wife, Ortrud—claims the dukedom, accusing Elsa of having murdered her brother. The King sends for Elsa, who denies the charge and declares that she is willing to submit to the judgment of God and the ordeal of combat. She chooses as her defender a Knight she has seen in her dreams. Not until the second call of the herald has gone out and Elsa has fallen to her knees in prayer does the Knight appear in a boat drawn by a swan. He steps out and announces that he has come to defend Elsa, but asks her not to question him as to who he is or where he comes from. He overcomes Telramund, but grants him his life, and asks Elsa's hand in marriage. She consents, and all rejoice except Ortrud and Telramund, who have been banished.

ACT II.—The Courtyard and Cathedral. The night before Elsa's wedding. Ortrud and Telramund appear in ragged garments. Telramund is overwhelmed by his misfortunes, but Ortrud urges him to make another trial to regain what he has lost. Ortrud now calls to Elsa, who has just come out on the balcony of the Palace, and feigning repentance, is forgiven by Elsa, who promises to obtain pardon for Telramund. Ortrud now schemes to make Elsa ask her betrothed the forbidden questions. Day breaks and the herald announces that the King has made the stranger Duke of Brabant. When all is ready for the ceremony and Elsa and her attendants are about to enter the church, Ortrud magnificently dressed, steps forth and accuses the Knight of being a magician, and Telramund declares he has gained his victory unfairly. The Knight refuses to reveal his identity. Elsa declares her confidence in him and they enter the church.

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Don Jose (Sergeant) Gaetano Tommasini
Escamillo (a bull fighter) Mario Valle
Dancaïro (a smuggler) Joseph Tudisco
Remendado (a smuggler) Natale Cervi
Zuniga (lieutenant) Pietro De Biasi
Morales (sergeant) Manuel Perez
Micaela (a peasant girl) Josephine Lucchese
Frasquita (a gypsy) Frances Morosini
Mercedes (a gypsy) Anita Klinova

Conductor: Ernesto Knoch

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I. A public square in Seville.
ACT II. A tavern in the suburbs of Seville.
ACT III. A wild and rocky pass in the mountains.
ACT IV. A square in Seville; wall of the bull ring at the back.

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Niclaus (Hoffmann's friend)	Anita Klinova
A Voice	Frances Morosini
Spalanzani (an apothecary)	Natale Cervi
Crespel (father of Antonia)	Natale Cervi
Nathanael	Anita Klinova
Luther (inn keeper)	Manuel Perez
Schlemil (lover of Giulietta)	Manuel Perez
Coppelius } Dappertutto }	the Evil One in various guises Mario Valle
Miracle	Pietro DeBiasi
Cochenille	Joseph Tudisco
Franz (a servant)	Joseph Tudisco

Conductor: Ernesto Knoch

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

PROLOGUE. Father Luther's Wine Cellar.

ACT I. Spalanzani's Reception Hall in Milan.

ACT II. Moonlight on the Grand Canal, Venice.

ACT III.—Crespel's Retreat in Munich.

EPILOGUE. Same as Prologue.

SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 25, AT 8:30

IL TROVATORE

Opera in Four Acts, by Giuseppe Verdi

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Leonora	Bianca Saroya
Inez	Alice Homer
Manrico	Gaetano Tommasini
Count Di Luna	Joseph Royer
Azucena	Nina Frascani or Anita Klinova
Ruiz	Joseph Tudisco
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Soldiers, Citizens, etc.

Conductor: Ernesto Knoch

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I. Scene 1.—Interior of Castle. Scene 2.—Garden.

ACT II. Scene 1.—A Ruined House. Scene 2.—Exterior of Church.

ACT III. Scene 1.—A Camp. Scene 2.—An Apartment.

ACT IV. Scene 1.—Exterior of Prison. Scene 2.—Interior of Prison.

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